

Reply to Office Action dated November 14, 2008

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-17 and 22-30 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 13 are amended for clarity.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 because the amendments: (1) place the application in condition for allowance; (2) do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration; and/or (3) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The above amendments are merely for clarity of previously-claimed subject matter (and correspond to the other claims). Entry is thus proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Office Action's indication that claims 1, 3-12 and 22-30 are allowed.

The Office Action rejects claims 13-17 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. By this Amendment, independent claim 13 is amended to include a cavity and a plate. This may be consistent with the other claims and with the subject matter in the body of the claims. Independent claim 13 recites structural features. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

For at least the reasons set forth above, each of independent claims 1, 13 and 22 defines patentable subject matter. Each of the dependent claims depends from one of the independent claims and therefore defines patentable subject matter at least for this reason. In addition, the dependent claims recite features that further and independently distinguish over the applied references.

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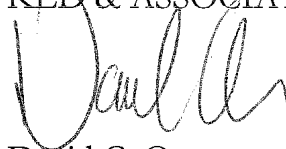
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 3-17 and 22-30 are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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